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LOK SABHA

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HPTs/LPTs/VLPTs IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Low Power Transmitters (LPTs), High Power Transmitters (HPTs) and Very Low Power Transmitters (VLPTs) in Assam.

(b) whether frequent complaints are received about faulty functioning of these Transmitters ;

(c) if so, the details thereon during the last three years together with the reasons; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for improved the functioning of these Transmitters in Assam ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Twenty eight transmitters (HPTs-5, LPTs-21, VLPTs-2) are currently functioning in Assam.

(b) & (c) Prasar Bharti have informed that Complaints regarding malfunctioning of some TV transmitters in Assam have been received from time to time. Such complaints are attended to promptly. Transmitters about which complaints have been received during the last 3 years are − HPT, Dibrugarh and LPTs, Jorhat & Hojai.

(d) Problems at Dibrugarh & Jorhat have been attended to. There is problem of interference at Hojai and to overcome this problem, the VHF LPT at Hojai is proposed to be replaced by a UHF LPT during 2004-05. In order to expand the coverage of HPT, Dibrugarh, the height of tower at Dibrugarh is envisaged to be increased from the present 75 M to 150 M. This scheme has been sanctioned. All the 28 transmitters in Assam are reported to be functioning satisfactorily. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to maintain interruption free high quality transmission from various transmitters in the country including those in Assam.